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TO ALL NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

USINT BAGHDAD

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

XMT AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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INFORM CONSULS AS APPROPRIATE; KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NEA CRO CONFERENCE

1. THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS IS PLANNING TO HOLD A

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CONFERENCE FOR NEA BASED COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS OFFICERS APRIL 10 - 12 AT THE ASHOKA HOTEL IN NEW DELHI. ALL CROS IN THE NEA AREA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RABAT, TUNIS, ALGIERS, AND TRIPOLI ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ROBERT RICHARDSON, RCO KARACHI AND FIVE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WILL ALSO ATTEND. IN ADDITION, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS WILLIS E. NAEHER AND THE OC OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR NEA WILL

PARTICIPATE. JOHN CONNOLLY, NEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALSO PLANS TO ATTEND.

- 2. NEA/EX AUTHORIZES NEA ADDRESSEES TO FUND FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF CROS. POSTS SHOULD ISSUE GTRS FOR TRAVEL PAYABLE IN INDIAN RUPEES BY AMERICAN EMBASSY NEW DELHI.
- 3. EUR/EX AUTHORIZES ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA TO FUND FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF POST CROS.
- 4. THE SINAI SUPPORT MISSION AUTHORIZES SFM TO FUND FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF CRO USING SFM FUNDS.
- 5. IN ORDER TO CONSERVE FUNDS AND KEEP THE CONFERENCE AT A MANAGEABLE SIZE CROS AT CONSULATES ARE NOT BEING INVITED. (CRO CROWFOOT IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND SINCE JERUSALEM IS NOT A CONSTITUENT POST). EMBASSY CROS WILL BE EXPECTED TO FURNISH C&R PERSONNEL AT CONSTITUENT POSTS WITH A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE CONFERENCE.
- 6. DEPT RECOGNIZES THAT ABU DHABI, DOHA, MANAMA AND MUSCAT WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO RELEASE SOLE COMMUNICATOR UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. NONETHELESS, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT MESSRS. SWEIGERT, KOPLIN, MILLER AND REID ATTEND AND DEPT IS HOPEFUL THAT POSTS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO UTILIZE BACK-UP COMMUNICATOR FOR SHORT PERIOD TIME WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED THREE WORK DAYS.

- 7. ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO INFORM NEW DELHI AND RCO KARACHI OF NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE. ADVISE NEW DELHI TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED. DEPT (OC) SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL CABLES DEALING WITH CRO CONFERENCE.
- 8. ATTENDEES SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE NEW DELHI APRIL 9. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO STAY AT THE ASHOKA HOTEL.
- 9. FOR RCO KARACHI: ADVISE NEW DELHI AND DEPT WHICH MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING.
- 10. FOR NEW DELHI: DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S WILLING-NESS TO HOST CONFERENCE. PLEASE RESERVE BLOCK OF ROOMS AT ASHOKA FOR PERIOD APRIL 9 THROUGH APRIL 12. ALSO

RESERVE HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM APRIL 10-12. VANCE

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